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TO: Members of the Project on Avoiding Nuclear War Faculty Seminar

FROM: Jim Blight and David Welch

RE: Faculty Seminar, February 15

We invite you to join us for a special occasion on February 15, consisting of the following elements:

5:30-6:30 PM: Cocktails in the Penthouse of the Kennedy School. Part way through the cocktail hour, we will observe the publication of our book (on January 30, officially): ON THE BRINK: AMERICANS AND SOVIETS REEXAMINE THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS (Hill & Wang/Farrar, Straus & Giroux), with a foreword by McGeorge Bundy.

6:30-8:00 PM: Dinner in the KSG Penthouse, with discussion of the evolution and content of ON THE BRINK by Blight and Welch, with responses led by Sergo Mikoyan, editor of Latinskaya Amerika, and a member, with his father, of the Soviet delegation sent to Cuba to negotiate with Castro in October and November, 1962; and Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury in the Kennedy Administration and a member of the EXCOMM that advised Kennedy during the missile crisis. Both Mikoyan and Dillon played pivotal roles in the shaping of ON THE BRINK.

8:00-9:30 PM: After dinner, we will proceed down to the KSG Forum for a program on Soviet intentions and behavior in the Cuban missile/Caribbean crisis:

*What about USA
let others?*
KHRUSHCHEV, MIKOYAN AND THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS

with addresses by

— Sergei Khrushchev

and

— Sergo Mikoyan

with

Graham T. Allison (discussant)

and

Joseph S. Nye, Jr. (moderator)

SEE YOU FEBRUARY 15! Please call Kim Blair (495-1400) to confirm no later than Thursday, February 9, 1989.

2/6/89
Stockbridge

Dear Don -

Herewith the cast of characters
for 2/18/89 (9:30 - 5:30) This one
is over (CPSNA) function. (When you
have thought it over, please call me here at
413-298-3805.) I'll be here until Tuesday
2/14. Then, at Harvard Faculty Club. (617-495-
5758): Tues through Monday 2/20

Confirmed people: (all were in Moscow
at the Conference)
Jim Blight and Janet Lave (JFIC)
{ Scott Armstrong and Philip Brenner
(Mathematical Institute) (Both were
in Moscow)
Benjamin Berger Gould (JFIC)

Bruce Allyn (JFIC)

David Welch (JFIC: Coauthor, "On the Brink")

William Jarosz (Joseph Nye's "favorite"
doctoral candidate, working on CMC)

Jim Hirschberg (JFIC)

John Mack (CPSNA)

Moderator: Margaret Brenner-Gibson (CPSNA)

Daniel Ellsberg (CPSNA) John Mack
says, "Let's get a publication out of this
& give CPSNA some credit"

Noam Chomsky (MIT)

(Noam wants to know when you're
speaking as he can come AM or PM,
but not both. He's writing an article that day)
He is "delighted" to come. I really
"thought it through" - I told him

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I have thought it through and if CPSNA can't invite him to be in the same room with JFIC people for an adult discussion, then the whole thing is worth zilch. (So he's coming.)

Not Confirmed: Joseph Nye (JFIC)
David Welox (CPSNA)
Josephine Murray (CPSNA)

I am thinking to put together a project to submit to the MacArthur ~~from~~ CPSNA to do exactly what the NY Times editorial suggested: to study all the major crises in the Cold War (the German one will be the hardest, I imagine). The research scholars will be a "team" composed both of JFIC people and CPSNA people (if JFIC wants to apply for this jointly, so much the better. If not, we'll apply ourselves and invite them over — like Blight, Jarosz, Nye, etc. I think Nye would be sympathetic to this proposal. (Done on this when you come east)

PS I enclose copy program for 2/15/89.
Dear Luftmensch (this is not a denigrating word. Visionaries are always called this)

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1/26/89

Notes for DE (Writing)

I think there are - at least - 4
articles almost ready for publication

1) Command/Control & Delegation
of Authority.

2) Cuba missile crisis

3) Milgram Material

4) Construction of Instability
(1st use weapons ^{etc} - as

Q: Was 7/86
Yard? Given in Soviet Union - Was
it 1986 or 2/87? You have a
typewritten copy.

I think we must find a way to
support ^(money) 4) Discussion Groups on
above & get these out this year.

Perhaps - at completion of end of
these - (after a little rest) you
work at your leisure on the
Political Memoir? (over)

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5) [Perhaps a fifth one & be
the ^{effects of} insertion of psychological,
political, & moral data
into game-theory.]?

You have a gold-mine,
some ready to be processed
into legal tender, I am ^{convinced} ~~convinced~~

Shall we discuss this?

Questions of where to
place what:

Commercial class pay \$ -
Professional ones don't - (maybe
a different version for each?)

As soon as the very first
article is placed, please call it
to MacArthur attention (+ credit
them in your letter)

(You may recall that was their
only doubt: will he publish anything?)